





phrase "phenotypic change" has been replaced with the term "phenotype," which has proper antecedent basis. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

It is believed that the indefiniteness rejections have been obviated and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these rejections and entry of these amendments. Furthermore, entry of these amendments is respectfully requested in order to put the claims in better condition for appeal.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the indefiniteness rejections have been obviated and entry of the claim amendments is respectfully requested in order to place the claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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